



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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St Mary's News letter 14.6.24

Headteachers Update

What a very busy week we have all had at school this week!

We say a really big well done to all of our Year 5 children, who went to camp and those who did not. All of our children showed resilience and perseverance this week. We are so proud of you all!

A huge well done also goes to all of year 1 children who completed their Phonics test- a fantastic result, we are very proud of you all!

And a massive well done goes to all of our year 4 children, who worked really well with Mrs Toy at the beginning of the week in Mrs McNulty's absence, but also completed the Multiplication Times tables Check. Well done to you all, we are very proud!

Sports Day are scheduled for next week- we are hoping that it remains dry. These will take place on the school field.

Tuesday the 18th June am is year 3 and 4 @ 10am and pm Year 5 and 6 @ 1.30pm

Wednesday the 19th June am is Early Years @ 10 am and pm Year 1 and 2 @ 1.30pm

Gates will open 15 minutes before the event.

Please also see below for dates for the diary and additional events.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Dates for the Diary



Dates for the Diary Summer Term 24

Weekly Mass at St Mary's and St Petroc's Church Wednesday at 10 am—all welcome

Monday 6th May– Bank Holiday– School closed

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 15th May Year 1 Newquay Aquarium

16th May Fiesta Theme Menu whole school

20th-24th May Year 2 optional SATS

Wednesday 22nd May Class Photos

27th to the 31st May Half Term week

Monday 3rd June back to school

10th to the 12th June Year 5 Residential Porthpean

17th to the 21st June Olympics week

Tuesday 18th June Year 3/4 sports day am and Year 5/6 sports day pm

Wednesday 19th June Reception and Nursery Sports Day am and Year 1/2 Sports Day pm

1st July-4th July St Mary's Mission week

1st July 'Welcome Day' Bodmin College Year 6's

Transition date for school to follow soon

8th July Year 6 Leavers Mass (CAST) Plymouth Cathedral

16th July Year 6 End of Year Play Afternoon/evening

22nd July Year 6 Leavers Mass (St Mary's Church) 2pm

23rd July Year 6 Graduation 1.45pm and end of school

Nursery and Reception Class News

Another fantastic week in Nursery and Reception.

Nursery have done some fantastic work with numbers this week, they have named numbers 0-5, put them into the correct order and counted out the correct quantity of objects to match each number.


They have learnt a train ride poem, along with all of the actions, making us all so proud of them!

In PE the children learnt ball skills and finished with a fun match of football!

In Reception the children came home with a teddy bear. These had been kindly knitted for the reception children by the ladies of St Petroc's Church. The teddies came with a class book called 'What If We Were All The Same?' The story was about how we are all unique and that if we were all the same the world would be very boring. The children really enjoyed the story and they discussed how we embrace our differences. They talked about how we look different and how we enjoy different things but we can all get on together and be friends together. They did various activities in school including making tags for our bears, looking at the colours of our bears and drawing pictures, and enjoying a teddy bears picnic to celebrate our differences. The children were very excited to take their bears home to make friends with their other teddies.

Choo-Choo Train
(Castellano / *Simply Super Storytimes*)

This is a choo-choo train. [bend arms at elbows]
Puffing down the track. [rotate arms in forward motion]
Now it's going forward.
Now it's going back. [rotate arms in backward motion]
Now the bell is ringing. [pull bell cord]
Now the whistle blows. [make train sound]
What a lot of noise it makes. [cover ears with hands]
Everywhere it goes. [stretch out arms]









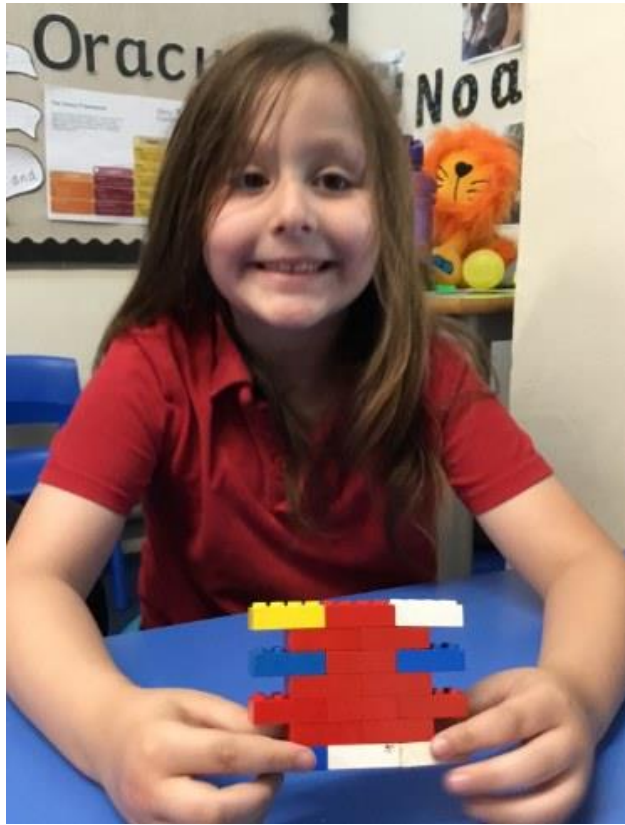




Year 1 News







We have had great fun in year 1 this week!

In English we have been exploring our new story for the term: Funnybones. The children were very excited at the beginning of the week to see that we had a skeleton visit our classroom over the weekend. Throughout the week we have continued to explore the story through making a whole class story map. Year 1 have done a great job so far at re-telling the story through actions.

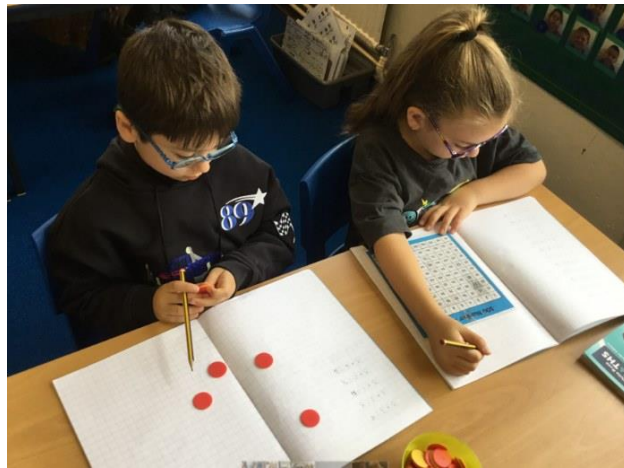
In Maths year 1 have been trying exceptionally hard to grasp the concept of time. We have been looking at before and after, days of the week and months of the year.

In science we were exploring why exercise is good for our body and in History we have been looking at pictures of Bodmin high street from 70 years ago! Year 1 have been very engaged with this learning and we have had lots of great discussions around each topic.

Year 1 have also completed their phonics screening tests this week, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Each child has shown tremendous effort, dedication, and progress in their phonics skills, which are foundational for their reading and writing development. The results for the phonics screening test will be available in July.

Well done this week year 1, you have done amazing in all areas!!

Year 2 News





Well, that was a busy week!

In English we finished our innovated bubble story which we renamed Umbrella. I am looking forward to reading these at the weekend.

In maths we have been looking at statistics, so far this week we have looked at tally charts, bar graphs and tables. The children have worked hard on these lessons – the only part they find a little tricky is when they are asked to find out: How many more people preferred cats to dogs? or apples to bananas?

In science we have begun to look at how things are built, this weeks lesson was a recap lesson on waterproof and absorbent materials.

In history we are looking at the impact the Royal Albert Bridge had on Cornwall.

In art we looked at “The Bedroom” painting by Vincent Van Gogh and tried to recreate his brush strokes and colour mixing using acrylic paint.

In RE we have been thinking about breaking rules and forgiving and asking God for forgiveness.

On with another busy week next week. The Year 2 Team hope you have a great weekend.

Year 3 News







This week year 3 have worked very hard to finish our fractions topic! This has seen us find fractions of amounts and begin to look at solving problems relating to fractions. This can be really tricky and all the children have persevered brilliantly. In English we've finished learning our story and have started to look at the use of similes and metaphors in our writing, as well as time conjunctions. We've made sure our presentation is also looking fantastic! In science we've investigated using magnets and how these are affected by different items, and in RE we continued with our work on the Jewish festival Passover. We used the Chromebooks to create our own PowerPoints - this was our first attempt and they were all looking fabulous! We'll be using these skills later in our RE unit. We also had a helpful conversation about the importance of kindness, and how we can demonstrate this on a daily basis in our classroom. We're all looking forward to demonstrating these next week!

Year 4 News

Yesterday, we joined a nationwide webinar with an exciting new author, Ash Bond. She introduced us to her new book, the action-packed cosmic world of Peregrine Quinn which is fizzing with humour and full of characters that the children loved, we met a heroic portal guarding tree dryad librarian, a holographic faun, Olympic gods, powerful plants and a sassy duck! The children enjoyed taking part in this wonderful opportunity.

In Maths this week, we have finished our unit on money and started our new topic of time.

In science, we have studied the components needed to make electrical circuits and explained why different circuits are not complete.

We have continued to perfect our forehand in tennis and controlled a tennis ball when completing tap up's.

Lastly, a huge well done to the children for completing their Multiplication check this week. They have made so much progress learning their multiplication facts over the last few months, we are very proud of them for trying their best with smiles on their faces.

Have a great weekend.

Year 5 News



WOW Year 5, what a week we have had!

We were lucky enough to go away to Porthpean camp for the first half of our week. We completed some amazing activities including: kayaking, wall climbing, high-rope, laser tag and a silent disco! Every single child showed resilience, bravery and perseverance, continuously pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and facing their fears. I am so incredibly proud of you all, staff members mentioned how fantastically you behaved and commented on your impeccable manners and I have to agree. **WELL DONE!!!**

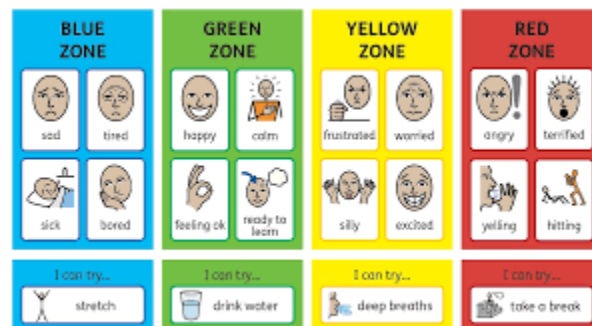
Our non-campers also had three days of fun activities which they completed with smiles on their faces, again behaviour and attitudes were commented on – saying how you all took everything in your stride. You guys are awesome!

When we returned to school, we had the opportunity to meet an exciting new author, Ash Bond, the children asked interesting, well-thought-out questions and listened carefully to what she had to say. Again, well done!

Year 6 News

Year 6 have had another busy week full of learning and fun. Our history topic on World War 2 has really caught their attention. We explored and identified why children were evacuated and how Cornwall contributed to taking evacuees in. Some of their enquiry questions were fantastic! We are also making great progress in our play practice and can't wait until we show you all in July.

Pastoral and SEN News



Zones of Regulation

Would you like to find out more about the Zones of Regulation and how we use them in school? This is a great way of helping children to recognise, understand, communicate and begin to manage their emotions.

Come along to our coffee morning and uniform sale / swap on Thursday 4th July 9-10am to find out more!

Office News

Academy Open Sessions U6 U7 poster online



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ACADEMY

OPEN SESSIONS

UNDER 6 & 7 (SCHOOL YEAR 1 & 2)

PLYMOUTH

Date Friday, 21 June 2024
Venue Marjon Sports Centre,
3G Astro Turf
Capacity 100 spaces
Time 5.30-7.00pm



NEW DATE ADDED!

SOUTH DEVON

Date Friday, 5 July 2024
Venue Devon County FA,
3G Astro Turf
Capacity 70 spaces
Time 5.30-7.00pm



EAST CORNWALL

Date Friday, 12 July 2024
Venue Brannel School,
3G Astro Turf
Capacity 60 spaces
Time 5.30-7.00pm



PENRYN

Date Tuesday, 16 July 2024
Venue Penryn College,
3G Astro Turf
Capacity 60 spaces
Time 5.30-7.00pm



OKEHAMPTON

Date Thursday, 18 July 2024
Venue Ashbury Golf Hotel,
3G Astro Turf
Capacity 60 spaces
Time 6.00-7.30pm



THE
READING
AGENCY

2024

Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries



Join FREE
at your
library

Get
rewards
for
reading!

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



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**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

1 - Pupils are invited to take up the **Summer Reading Challenge**¹. It's the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11, delivered via public libraries. Children can sign up for free at their local library or online² – please see below for further details.

Last year, in Cornwall 8671 children joined the Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge:

- Significantly **improves reading confidence** and independence.
- Ensures pupils are **ready for their return to school**, preventing the summer reading 'dip'.
 - Aids the **successful transition** between year groups and key stages.
 - Contributes to all pupils' **achievement**.
- Encourages **extra-curricular activity** – encouraging family engagement with reading.
 - Develops links between your school, the library and the **wider community**.

For children who took part in 2023:

- **80% read more** over the summer holidays.
- **70% improved** their reading skills.
- **72% felt more confident** about their reading.

How it works:

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a collector's poster.
- They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives.
- Library staff and volunteers help children to discover new books that suit their interests and reading level and run a programme of free themed activities in the library.
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal. .
- Children can take part online, too! www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk³

Community links and events

Its **Norah and Abigel's First Holy Communion** this weekend, we wish them all the very best on their special day. God bless you.

A special mention goes out to **Paige in Year 4 who is completing the Rainbow Run in aid of Children's Hospice South West** on Saturday. Good luck Paige, we will be cheering you on!

Well done to all our dancers who took part in the **Royal Cornwall Show Event last Friday with Future Youth Dancing**; A huge well done goes to **Romi, Skyla and Katie-May (Year 6) and Myla (Year 1). Fantastic Achievement!**

¹<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

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